

**Draft Serials on National Leaders/
Freedom Fighters Received by Door-
darshan**

1805. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of national leaders and freedom fighters on whom Drafts for serials have been received by the Government during the year 1991;

(b) the procedure prescribed for the selection of these serials to be telecast;

(c) whether applications have been received regarding the telecasting of serials on Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Jai Prakash Narayan, DR. Bheem Rao Ambedkar, Sardar Bhagat Singh and Acharya J.B. Kripalani; and

(d) if so, whether the serials on the lives of the above said freedom fighters will be telecast during this year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Proposals for commissioned serials on the following leaders have been received by Doordarshan during 1991;

- (i) Mahatma Gandhi
- (ii) Lai Bahadur Shastri
- (iii) Dr. Madan Mohan Malaviya
- (iv) M.G. Ramachandran

(b) Proposals for such serials on national/freedom fighters to be funded by Doordarshan are approved by the appropriate committee set up for this purpose in Doordarshan.

(c) An 8 part tele-serial on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar has been assigned to a producer. No proposals for commissioned serials on the other leaders mentioned were received by Doordarshan during 1991.

(d) Telecast depends on final decision taken on case to case basis and availability of time.

[English]

**Telecast of Regional Programmes by
local Doordarshan Kendras.**

1806. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to permit regional/local Doordarshan Kendras to produce and telecast more programmes in the regional languages;

(b) whether any norms with regard to the timings of Network/National/Regional Programmes have been set up for the Regional/Local Kendras of Doordarshan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) The different Doordarshan Kendras are already producing a large number of programmes in the regional languages and would continue to do so in the future also. The actual duration of such programmes would, however, depend upon the availability of resources, manpower, technical facilities and transmission time.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. All Kendras besides carrying the morning transmission, the National Programme and the various network programmes, telecast regional language programme during their remaining